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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. : 09/990,049
For : **SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED IN SITU**
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	24	Minus	**=24	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	1	Minus	***=1	* 0 x	\$86 (43)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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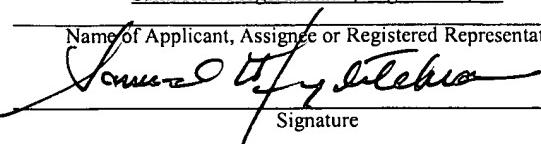
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- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid or is paid herewith .
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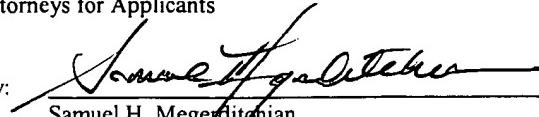
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